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## TO-DAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

1473—Birth of Copernicus, astronomer, died 1543.  
1545—Peter de Brouckere, Calvinist preacher, burnt at Tournay, Belgium.  
1619—Van der Burch, an artist at Tournay, France; escape of Mary Stuart from the Tower of London.  
1718—Birth of Admiral Lord Rodney; died 1792.  
1792—Robert Stuart, explorer, born in Scotland; died in Chicago, Dec. 28, 1848.  
1792—Birth of Sir Robert Murchison, English geologist and traveler.  
1807—The passage of the Baranilloffs forced by Sir J. Duckworth.  
1871—Death in Houston, Tex., of John Bankhead Magruder, Confederate general.  
1875—Death of Admiral Charles H. Bell, U. S. N., 1877.  
1875—51 lives lost by burning of wheat factory in Glenburny.  
1889—Tornado in Georgia and Alabama; 30 lives lost.

## A SENSIBLE BILL.

The bill before the legislature regarding libelous publications seems likely to become a law. As was explained, it provides that when articles are complained of as libelous there shall be no presumption of malice unless there is a refusal to publish a retraction or make a suitable apology, unless there are attendant circumstances that leave no room for question. It is surprising that there should be occasion for such legislation in any state. The common law principle, that the presumption is in favor of innocence and freedom from malicious purpose, should apply as well to newspaper and other publications as to persons in other pursuits. It is for the interest of the public that the press should be as free as possible to expose people whose bad ways are dangerous to others. There should be no liability for the errors of unavoidable haste or misinformation, where prompt reparation is had. The malicious slanderer should have no toleration.

## MORMONS TAKE A BACK SEAT.

The experiment of conducting future campaigns in Utah on republican and democratic lines will attract widespread attention.

Heretofore politics, strictly speaking, formed no part of contests in the territory. It was the Mormon church against the field—retrogression against progression. The sharp defeat of the church party in its stronghold, the drastic decisions of the courts, followed by the official repudiation of polygamy as an article of creed, combined to shatter its political power while forcing it to place itself in accord with law and public sentiment.

Whether three parties will flourish in Utah must determine. It is more than likely the Mormons will throw their power with one of the two parties and disappear as a united quantity from the politics of the territory. That such is the plan is apparent from the desire of all classes to hasten the admission of Utah as a state—a result dependent on the retirement, temporarily at least, of the church from active politics.

## A MCKINLEY PLATE GLASS INDUSTRY.

The reversion from the "Triumph of Lying" seems to be at hand. We hear no more from the "reformer" the cry about the McKinley prices, but instead news items like the following are beginning to gladden the workingman's heart: "The plate glass factory now being constructed at Irwin, Pennsylvania, is to be one of the largest plants of the kind in America. Over 600 men will be employed, and while the capitalists will give no figures regarding cost, the outlay will amount to over \$1,000,000. A leading New York banker is behind the enterprise, which is to be known as the Pennsylvania Plate Glass Company."

Reports from the east indicate that the \$2 per pound rate of duty on Sumatra tobacco has not affected the prices of cigars made in this country as was claimed by opponents of the tariff rate. Manufacturers are trying but little of this imported leaf, and are gradually working into domestic wrapper leaf. Before Sumatra tobacco became known, domestic wrappers were used almost wholly. Some of the local manufacturers never adopted the silky imported leaf, sticking to the best grades of domestic stock. Where the increase in the price of domestic cigars might come, would be under the rule that all Havana tobacco imported, containing any portion of leaf suitable for wrappers, shall pay duty at \$2 per pound. This rule is not likely to be enforced, as the Havana imported is all intended for fillers, no matter how large the leaves may be.

According to the report of the Massachusetts railroad commission, 199 persons were killed or wounded in that state last year by trespassing on the roads. Of these 158 were walking on the tracks and 41 stealing rides, the latter mostly tramps, probably. It is difficult to enforce laws against persons who risk their lives in such ways. A great portion of the casualties anywhere is caused by violation of known rules, but those who are killed are probably the only ones who profit by the experiment.

General Sherman was the only one of the more noted Union commanders who lived beyond his seventieth year. Grant, Sheridan, Thomas, Hancock, McClellan, Meade, Warren, McDowell, Halleck, Hooker, Burnside and Logan all dropped into soldiers' graves before reaching the moderate limit of life. Among the familiar names of generals of the war still living are Rosecrans, Baell, Butler, Banks, Howard and Palmer, all past seventy.

A weather prophet in Missouri has arranged for the destruction of the earth sometime between April 1891 and April 1892. He is thoughtful enough to leave a comfortable range for the interesting event. It is the better way, always. He made the maximum time 1892 it

would have been better for his reputation as a prophet.

"It will be as if it were one dead in every loyal household in the land," was President Harrison's message to the family of General Sherman. The sentiment of universal mourning could hardly be more beautifully expressed.

Even the incorrigible mugwump take off their hats respectfully to Mr. Blaine when Brazil is mentioned.

## VAIL FACES THE JURY.

The Taking of Testimony in the St. Louis Murder Case Begun.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—The trial of Charles F. Vail, for shooting and killing his wife, Fannie, commenced this morning at 10 o'clock. Vail, in order to secure a heavy life insurance, was begun in the criminal court Tuesday. Prosecuting Attorney Mudd, of St. Charles County, made the opening speech for the State. He said that Vail's marriage had been announced before he insured the life of his wife, but there was never a buggy ride suggested until an accident policy for \$5,000 was taken out. During their married life Vail contributed but seven dollars to the support of his wife, using the \$50 a week to pay insurance premiums. Attorney Mudd briefly described how the shooting occurred. Mrs. McAttee was unloading the horses. Miss Lizzie McAttee was arranging the blankets on the seats. No one was looking at the place where the shot was fired, that poor, over-insured little mother and wife was shot. He told how Mrs. Vail exclaimed at once: "Oh! Charlie, you've fired. I shot me!" and how he replied at once with the explanation which his attorney was expected to make for him.

"No, Fanny, it was an accident; it struck the wheel," Jerome McAttee, the first witness, told the story of Mrs. Vail's visit and the tragedy, and it made a strong impression on the jury. He was standing ten feet from Vail when the shot was fired. When the shot was fired, Vail appeared to be one of the cool persons in the courtroom. The most damaging evidence does not cause him to move a muscle.

## NO RESULT YET.

Illinois Law-Making Unable to End the Senatorial Contest.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 19.—The senatorial fight reopened with about as bad a split in the Republican ranks as there was Tuesday. Several Republican members, regardless of the action of the Republican caucus Tuesday night, refused to vote for Streeter and scattered their votes among other candidates. Seven ballots were taken, the last one—the 10th—resulting as follows: Palmer, 101; Streeter, 90; Oglesby, 13; Lindley, 1.

## Alabama's Legislature Adjourns.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 19.—The session of the General Assembly of Alabama was concluded Wednesday and the body adjourned at midnight. Both houses passed and the Governor signed a bill appropriating \$10,000 for the completion of the Confederate monument on capital hill.

## Approved by the President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The President has signed the bill for the construction of suitable Indian industrial schools in Wisconsin and other States.

## THE MARKETS.

Grain, Provisions, Etc.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Wheat—Quiet and lower. Spring wheat patents, \$1.50; 64's, \$1.45; 62's, \$1.40; 60's, \$1.35; 58's, \$1.30; 56's, \$1.25; 54's, \$1.20; 52's, \$1.15; 50's, \$1.10; 48's, \$1.05; 46's, \$1.00; 44's, \$0.95; 42's, \$0.90; 40's, \$0.85; 38's, \$0.80; 36's, \$0.75; 34's, \$0.70; 32's, \$0.65; 30's, \$0.60; 28's, \$0.55; 26's, \$0.50; 24's, \$0.45; 22's, \$0.40; 20's, \$0.35; 18's, \$0.30; 16's, \$0.25; 14's, \$0.20; 12's, \$0.15; 10's, \$0.10; 8's, \$0.05; 6's, \$0.00.

## CORN—Fairly active and firm.

Cash and Feb. 19, 51 1/2; 50 1/2; 49 1/2; 48 1/2; 47 1/2; 46 1/2; 45 1/2; 44 1/2; 43 1/2; 42 1/2; 41 1/2; 40 1/2; 39 1/2; 38 1/2; 37 1/2; 36 1/2; 35 1/2; 34 1/2; 33 1/2; 32 1/2; 31 1/2; 30 1/2; 29 1/2; 28 1/2; 27 1/2; 26 1/2; 25 1/2; 24 1/2; 23 1/2; 22 1/2; 21 1/2; 20 1/2; 19 1/2; 18 1/2; 17 1/2; 16 1/2; 15 1/2; 14 1/2; 13 1/2; 12 1/2; 11 1/2; 10 1/2; 9 1/2; 8 1/2; 7 1/2; 6 1/2; 5 1/2; 4 1/2; 3 1/2; 2 1/2; 1 1/2; 1/2; 1/4; 1/8; 1/16; 1/32; 1/64; 1/128; 1/256; 1/512; 1/1024; 1/2048; 1/4096; 1/8192; 1/16384; 1/32768; 1/65536; 1/131072; 1/262144; 1/524288; 1/1048576; 1/2097152; 1/4194304; 1/8388608; 1/16777216; 1/33554432; 1/67108864; 1/134217728; 1/268435456; 1/536870912; 1/1073741824; 1/2147483648; 1/4294967296; 1/8589934592; 1/17179869184; 1/34359738368; 1/68719476736; 1/137438953472; 1/274877906944; 1/549755813888; 1/1099511627776; 1/2199023255552; 1/4398046511104; 1/8796093022208; 1/17592186044416; 1/35184372088832; 1/70368744177664; 1/140737488355328; 1/281474976710656; 1/562949953421312; 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